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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### Application of

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Title : METHOD OF UTILIZING VARIABLE DATA FIELDS WITH A  
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### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant acknowledges examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed on Dec. 18, 2001, namely, that:

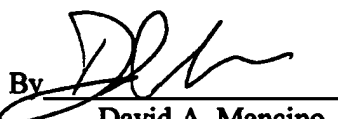
The prior art of record teaches different ways of printing variable data and static data, but the prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claims), a method for generating a reusable template bit map suitable for high speed variable by generating a PDL specification having a variable data area and a static area, wherein interpretation of the PDL specification the system generates a bitmap of the static data area and adding the bitmap of the static data area to a template bitmap and not adding a bitmap of

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the variable data area to the template bitmap, and saving the  
template whereby copies of the template bitmap can be  
continuously accessed to create a plurality of variable data bitmaps.

Applicant notes that the invention is defined by the claims. Therefore, applicant reserves the  
right to distinguish the invention over the prior art based upon any element or combination of  
elements set forth in the claims.

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